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News From the Departments---New Posts, etc.

HEADQUARTERS BULLETIN.

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC., WASHINGTON, D.C.

While there is little of interest to report from National Headquarters this week, there is a vast | KENTUCKY .amount of work accomplished there from day to day. The Commander-in-Chief and Adjutant-General have all they can possibly do to keep abreast of the torrent of letters which pour in on them every 24 hours.

Gen. Burdett has already received a large number of invitations from individual Posts and Departments to attend Decoration Day exercises, but, of course, at this distant day, cannot make any engagement. It is most likely, however, that he will remain in the city at

that time The visit to Baltimore by the Commanderin-Chief and staff was a most pleasant occasion. Their reception by the Department of Maryland was most cordial, and will be long remembered

with pleasure by the excursionists.

ORIGIN OF THE G.A.R. Interesting Account of the Growth of the Great

Organization. The following excellent account of the origin of the organization which now numbers over 300,000 members was read by Col. Jno. M. Snyder before the Post at Canton, Ill., at a recent

COPPERAS CREEK, ILL., Jan. 28, 1886. To the Officers and Members of Joe Hooker Post, No. 69, G.A.R., Canton, Ill. COMRADES: I have been frequently requested by many contrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, and especially Capt. Alfred A. North, of Ste-

ment of Il inois will soon have their annual meeting at Springfield, I have taken time to make the following brief statement: had returned to their homes, the question of the | were conducted in the presence of a large audience. organization of some order that would keep up | including the Department Commander and Staff that fraternal feeling that existed between all sol- and representatives from many of the Baltimore diers, officers and privates alike, during the war, | Posts. was discussed at Springfield, Ill.

Maj. B. F. Stevenson, formerly Surgeon of the 4th Hi., (Gen. Palmer's old regiment,) was the most is entitled, I think, to all the credit as the originator as recently reported. of the Grand Army of the Republic. The ritual and the secret work of the Order was

planned and written by him, with the aid and assistance of Capt. Robert M. Woods, now of Joliet, Ill., Comrade Phelps, now of Chicago, and the

At Springfield we had the hearty and earnest cooperation of Gen. John M. Palmer, Gov. Oglesby, Capt, A. A. North, Capt. Ed. L. Higgins, Gen. C. E. Lippencott, Gen. Jules C. Webber, and many others that I cannot now recall to mind. The first Post was organized at Springfield, Ill., MICHIGAN .-

Gen. Giles A. Smith and Capt. John Rowett were among those who first manifested a prominent interest in the organization. At Chicago, the writer instituted the first Post in the city, when Gen. O. L. Mann, Gen. Smith, Gen. Thos. O. Osborn, Capt. Thompson and Surg. Hunt were among the charter members.

Among others in the State who took an earnest interest in the work were Gen. Dustin, Gen Richard Rowett, Capt. Thos. A. Boyd, Judge Puter-baugh, Col. J. M. Beardsley, Gen. John McConnell, Col. John I. Rinaker, and many others equally ninent that I cannot now mention The originators never intended that the Order

should be exclusive, but that it should ensbrace every soldier who had served in the army of the ion, and laid an honorable discharge; and this is to-day the only soldier organization that admits the rank and file alike—the corps organizations being made up entirely of officers.

Maj. Stephenson was chosen the first Commander, and the work of organizing Posts in the State of Illinois progressed rapidly and soon spread to other States, -- Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania, -and the first National Encampment of the Order was held in 1867, at Indianapolis, Ind., when Gen. John A. Logan, of Illinois, was chosen Grand Com-

This meeting was attended by many of the most prominent officers and soldiers of the four great luck came to the Post at last, and the timer passed States, and among the number was Gen. A. Hickenlooper, of Ohio, and Gens. John A. Logan, John M. Palmer, John McNulta, J. D. Morgan, William A. Schmidt, M. M. Bane, Capt. Woods, Gens. O. L. Mann, C. E. Lippencott, R. J. Ogiesby, Jules C. Webber and Capt. Wm. J. Rutledge. This is a very brief history of the early organization of the Grand

The object of the first organization was misconstrued in the West-it having been charged that it was simply a political organization-and many old soldiers withdrew from its ranks for that reason, and the Order progressed much more rapidly in the East than in the West.

At a National Encompment held in Philadelphia the secret work was revised and divested of any and all objectionable features that existed from the and all objectionable features that existed from the first organization, and since that time the Order has progressed, until to-day you can find in almost bodied herein for the convenience of the Departevery village and hamlet a Post of the Grand Army

nators of the Grand Army of the Republic, and I Chap., W. E. Stanley, Faribault. Council of Admake this statement to do simple justice to my ministration, Thos. Montgomery, St. Peter; L. G. make this statement to do simple justice to my friend and comrade, Mai, B. F. Stevenson (now deceased), who is entitled, with his associates at ceased), who is entitled, with his associates at Springfield, IiI., to all the honors of originating the Representatives to National Encampment (from The organization cannot last always, but in the

last few years the Order has authorized the organigation of the Woman's Relief Corps and the Sons of Veterans, and if these organizations are fostered, encouraged and cared for, they will still live to perpetuate the memory of the boys who took part in | Spring Valley; Daniel Fish, Minneapolis (resigned the preservation of the Union. There are many Illinois soldiers who can add a page to the history of this organization, and they

should be encouraged to do so. With my best wishes, I am, yours truly, JOHN M. SNYDER.

DEPARTMENT NEWS.

THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE has recently for warded, in response to requests, blank applica tions for Post charters to the following: S. M. Rice, Paintsville, Ky.; Truman Redington Parish, N. Y.; Clark Walters, Centerville, Ore.; A. J. Marshall, New Berne, N. C.; P. J. Lee New Berne, N. C.; Thos. M. Mackey, Bradford, Ark., making a total of 49 during the present administration.

CONNECTICUT.-

The report of Past Department Commander to the recent Encampment held at San Francisco, shows 20 Posts in the Department and 4,545 comrades, making a net gain during the year of 31 Posts and 1,045 comrades.

John C. Nichols, New London: Sedgwick Post. No. 1, held a grand Campfire on the 12th uit., at which all the Department officers were present.

DAKOTA .-P. D. Davis, Bushnel: Officers of Edward Welch Post, No. 41; Commander, A. B. Doughty; S. V. C., I. Atkinson; J. V. C., W. L. Sexton; Adj't, W.

J. Doughty; Surg., O. D. Gibert; Q. M., P. D. Dayis; O. D., W. S. Harsiems; O. G., S. V. Sherwood; S. M., Joseph Sweazy; Q. M. S., George Boothroyd. Delegate to Department Encampment, P. D. Davis; Alternate, W. L. Sexton. INDIANA .-

E. F. Osborn, Newtonville: Post No. 256 has been organized a little over two years, and with its live membership of 43, intends to make great additions during the next 12 months. The officers are: Commander, B. B. John; S. V. C., Wm. Woodward; J. V. C., M. T. John; Q. M., Levi Haines; Chap., J. C. Gorman; Surg., Charles Sutton; Adj't, E. F. Osborn; O. D., Wayne Sutton; O. G., J. C. Hutch-Inson; Q. M. S., Stephen Sutton; S. M., J. C. Beard. S. C. Byer, Richmond: Our Post is gaining at every meeting, and we are now circulating a petition for a soldiers' monument to cost \$25,000. Derbyshire; Surg., Luis Burgdoffer; Chap., W. H. Pane; Q. M., Steven Potts; O. D., W. Willson; O. G., Alfred Johnson; S. M., Wm, Alfred; Q. M. S., J. C. Eurgoyne.

IOWA .-N. D. Van Eman, Jesup: Officers of John A. Davis Post, No. 55: Commander, James Elliott; S. V. C., N. D. Van Eman; J. V. C., G. W. Thair; Adj't, H. Kich; Q. M., J. P. Hermance; Surg., E. Boles; Chap., F. Russ; O. D., C. Baldwin; O. G., C. Decker; S. M., C. Whitney; Q. M. S., Daniel

J. W. Mather, Toledo: Officers of S. S. Dilman Post, No. 243; Commander, M. Mitchell; S. V. C., W. H. Holstead; J. V. C., W. E. Applegate; Q. M., J. M. Winu; Adj't, J. B. M. Bishop; Surg., H. W. Boynton; Chap., J. A. Weller; O. D., B. S. Bogardus; O.G., F. W. Nash; Q. M., J. W. Mather;

Col. Mills Post, of Adel, Iowa, has passed a resolution condemning "the illustration and commemoration of the victory of treason over loyalty by the exhibition, under the very shadow of the National Capitol, of a panorance view of the battle of Eull Run," and requesting their Representative In Congress "to use his best endeavors to secure an appropriation of 850,000 for the execution of a paintng of the great Confederate battle of Andersonville, and \$50,000 to creet a building as near as possible to the Capitol, where said painting may be

Ed. K. Pitman, Leon: Leon Post has a membership of upwards of 100, and is in fine working order. The Post at a recent meeting adopted resolutions indersing the course of Hon, Wm. T. Price, of Wis-

ARMY. thorn; Q. M., James Swim; Chap., J. Goodwill; O. D., — Tobie; O. G., Isane Roberts; S. M., J. R. Lathrop; Q. M. S., Joseph Kirk.

E. C. Emby, Great Bend: Post No. 52, of this place, has over 200 members, and is in a magnificent condition. The Sons of Veterans and Wo-man's Relief Corps are both in a flourishing condition, and have proved of great assistance to the

Wm. Olford, Blue Mound: R. B. Burley Post, No. 264, is in fine working order, with its membership of 60 intelligent and hard-working comrades. We have a Woman's Relief Corps, which has proved a most valuable auxiliary. Our officers are: Com-mander, G. H. Daggett; S. V. C., W. H. Mahoney; J. V. C., N. A. Corbin; Q. M., L. Gilstrap; Surg., W. Botkin; Chap., H. A. B. Cook; O. D., W. C. Griffin; O. G., Jas. Myers; S. M., W. Branson; Q. M. S., W. H. Allen,

Jas. D. Forrester, Chairman Committee on Recepion and Entertainment, 1041 Fifth St., Louisville, Ky., has issued the following circular to the Commanders of Posts in the Department: In pursuance of General Orders, No. 5, of Department Headquarters, the annual meeting of the Department of Kentucky will be held in this city April 8 at Wedekind Hall, on Market street, between Sixth and seventh. At the regular meeting of George H. Thomas Post, No. 6, held March 3, a committee on entertainment and reception was appointed with instructions to ascertain the number of comrades that would be likely to attend the annual Encampment of the Department, and to make arrangements for their transportation to Louisville and return, OHIO.and their entertainment while in the city. The railroads have agreed to sell to all soldiers and their families desiring to visit the Encampment tickets at full rates to Louisville and at one-third fare returning home, making the round trip at two-third rates. We have made arrangements with the hotels by which they will accommodate the comrades at very much reduced rates. Please inform us at your earliest convenience how many of your Post will attend, and how many ladies will accompany them. We would urge on all the importance of atchance to once more clasp the hands of "those whose bonds with us were welded in the fire of battle." The committee have arranged to entertain the visiting contrades at a bean bake in the evening, and we want every Kentucky regiment

represented, and all other States if possible. The new hall of Gosnell Post, No. 39, at Glyndon, was dedicated Saturday night last. The building is 64 by 32 feet, two stories high, and cost \$4,000. The first floor is used for stores and the second floor for the hall, which is handsomely finished, and will pliceson Post, of Springfield, Ill., to make a his-torical statement of the first organization of the sent 500 persons. Gosnell Post was instituted about Grand Army of the Republic, and as the Depart- | six months ago and has 75 members. The officers are: Commander, Dr. R. J. Henry; S. V. C., John J. Williams; J. V. C., Wm. Yingling; Chap., Rev. William B. Burns; O. D., John A. Neel; O. G., D. At the close of the war in 1865, when the soldiers | Wagner. The ceremonies of dedicating the hall

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J. S. Cleveland, of Post 63, Camden, is the J. V. active and cuthusiastic advocate of the scheme. He | D. C. of the Department, and not C. F. Cleveland,

MASSACHUSETTS .-R. B. Diekie, Lanesboro: Officers of W. W. Rock-Charles W. Sloper; Q. M. S., Henry A. Brewster. The Post has over 200 members, and is in good | gard to the Pennsylvania orphan schools.

-O. F. Lockhead, A. A. G.—contains the following in regard to the coming Encampment of this Department: On the 19th of April and during the Encampment, Headquarters of this Department will be established at the Hibbard House, Jackson. The Council of Administration will meet at Department Besiquarters, Hibbard House on the 23th at 2 o'clock p. m., for the transaction of such business as may be presented. Commander of Post 48 will detail an Officer of the Day and Officer of the Guard, and a sufficient number of comrades for guard duty during Encampment. They will report for duty on the morning of the 29th at 9 o'clock a. m., at Hibbard House. The Department Commander hopes that every Post in the Department will be represented, and an invitation is hereby extended to all members of the Order to be present, as we think the time spent at

the Encampment will be pleasant and profitable both to yourself and the Order. Veteran," Wayne: The watch we received with the club of 10 subscribers brought the Post \$20. It was done this way: After getting up the club, and when it came, I turned the timer over to the Post. The watch was put up at 10 cents a chance, and 100 chances were taken. Comrade Scott held the lucky number and got the timer. The Post turned over the \$10 to the W.R.C. to help buy a carpet for the Post room. Then Comrade Scott turned the watch over to the W.R.C., and it was again raffled. Bad into the hands of strangers, or we would have got \$30 from your excellent gift. Now let some other Post try their hands at THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE

gift, and I will take a chance in the scheme. MINNESOTA .-General Orders, No. 1, issued at Minneapolis March 4 by by order of Wm. Thomas, Department Commander, -Dan'l Fish, A. A. G., -are as follows: In entering upon the performance of his duties the Department Commander desires to gratefully acknowledge the honor which the action of the late Encampment has conferred upon him, and to bespeak such hearty co-operation on the part of all is comrades as will enhance the prosperity of the Department and promote to the utmost the high ment: Commander, Wm. Thomas, Mankato; S.V. Parties in the East have claimed to be the original Litchfield; M. D., H. W. Brazie, Minneapolis; Nelson, Kasson; A. H. Reed, Glencoe; Perry Starkepartment at Large), S. P. Snider, Minneapolis; W. H. Harries, Caledonia; L. F. Hubbard, St. Paul. (From Congressional Districts), I, R. L. Moore, Spring Vailey; 2, W. J. Baber, Janesville; 3, A. H. Reed, Glencoe; 4, W. H. Fronton, Elk River; 5, E. E. Corlis, Fergus Falls. Alternates, C. G. Edwards, and appointed A. A. G.); Edward Dunn, Eyota, (From Congressional Districts), Geo. B. Arnold, Kasota; R. D. Barber, Worthington; Ara Barton, Faribault; J. C. Price, Minneapolis; W. C. Roberts, Detroit. By resolution of the Encampment the following comrades were constituted a committee to draft and present to the Legislature of Minnesota, at its next session, a bill to establish a home for disabled ndigent veterans and providing for suitable relief to such comrades of this class as may not desire to reside therein: From the Department at Large, H. G. Hicks, Mfnneapolis; J. H. Drake, St. Paul, From Judicial Districts, I, Myron Shepard; 2, H. A. Castie, St. Paul; 3, Dan'l E. Vance, Winona; 4, E. R. Perkins, Excelsior; 5, L. L. Wheelock, Owatonna; 6, G. W. Mead, Mankato; 7, Jas. Compton, Fergus Falls; 8, A. P. Fitch, Glencoe; 9, Thos. Montgomery, St. Peter; 11, O. P. Stearns, Duluth; 12, W. M. Campbell, Litchfield; 13, L. M. Lange, Worthing-

ton. The following staff appointments are aunounced: Ass't Adj't-Gen., Dan'l Fish, Minneapois; Ass't Q. M.-G., G. W. Mead, Mankato; Judge Advocate, L. M. Lange, Worthington; Ins., C. C. Andrews, St. Paul; C. M. O., Mark D. Flower, St. Paul. Additional staff appointments will be made public hereafter. The Department Headquarters will remain at Minneapolis. The address of the Department Commander and Ass't Quartermaster-General, however, will be at Mankato, Minn. The following rejections have been reported since last announcement: James Cowden, by J. S. Cady Post, No. 2, Anoka; William Kanks, Co. C. 3d Ohio, by W. B. Barron Post, No. 93, Waterville. The following addresses are wanted: Lewis Newman, Co. H, 9th Pa. Cav., by Comrade J. B. Alexander, Ellsworth, Kan.; Frank Rogers, 1st Wis, Cav., by Nelson Jorgensen, Springwater, Wis.; George Cook, Co. F, 1st Wis. H. A., by James Carew, Little Wolf, Waupaca Co., Wis.; George W. Pierce, First Sergeant, Co. B, 4th Wis. Cav., by Herman Pihl, Hastings, Minn. The following comrades are appointed a Committee on Transportation: W. W. P. McConnell, Mankato; Albert your valuable paper. offer, St. Paul; R.R. Henderson, Minn Nelson H. Fulton, Hawley: Officers of L. H. Tenney Post: Commander, R. H. Carr; S. V. C., E. D. North; J. V. C., John Burrell; Surg., Dr. John Knauss; O. D., W. H. Hilliard; O. G., Warren

Works; Chap., Rev. J. Tisdale; Q. M., John Pryor; Adj't, Nelson H. Fulton. MISSOURI .-W. B. Mullins, Miami: Officers of Post No. 178, of St. Johnsbury, its roster for 1886. It is an elegant De Witte: Commander, A. D. Richards; S. V. C., piece of typography, and contains the names and Grossman; J. V. C., - Walker; O. D., W. B. Mullins; Q. M., - Crowder; Adj't, Frank Audsley; Chap., Frank May; O. G., J. T. Cooper.

Adj't, F. C. Smith; O. D., R. M. Blankenship; O. G., Thos. B. Hackney; Surg., S. D. Bliss; Chap., W. Jones. The Post has 30 members in good standing, and is in fine working order.

W. H. Lancaster, Friend; W. F. Stacy Post, No. 130, is in splendid working order, and is making preparations to observe Decoration Day in a suita-ble manner,

NEW HAMPSHIRE .-

ing been duly elected Department Commander and office, and extend my sincere thanks to the comrades for the confidence so freely given. I shall endeavor to do all in my power to make the comrial speakers has not been repealed, all Department indersing the course of Hon. Wm. T. Price, of Wisconsin in voting against the pensioning of Mrs. Grant.

R. U. Chapman, Prescott: Officers of Post No. Levi Munroc; J. V. C., E. Janes; Adj't, — Haw
give their services in consideration of naving all of The following appointments on the Department of Staff are announced: Ass't Adj't-Gen., S. E. Staff are announced: Ass't Adj't-Ge

52, Enfield; Daniel M. White, Post 6, Peterborough. Alternates—M. T. Donohoe, Post 7, Nashua; L. L. Aldrich, Post 3, Manchester; A. S. Twitchell, Post General, to assist him in preparing a correct roster. Gorham; D. B. Nelson, Post 37, Laconia; W. H. Trickey, Post 17, Dover; J. M. Parker, Post 72, Fitzwilliam. The following appointments are hereby announced, and they will be respected and obeyed accordingly: A. A. G., Horace J. Kenney, Post 48, Littleton; Judge Advocate, A. S. Twitchell, Post 59, Gorham; Ins., Freeman D. Batchelder, Post 2, Concord. Further appointments will be announced in subsequent orders. Headquarters

T. G. Carlisle, Adjutant-General, Fostoria, O.

Reports from part of the Divisions have been ceived, showing the following result: Maine. are established at No. 1, Bank Building (up stairs), Main street, Littleton, N. H.

Urial Atwood, Troupsburg: Officers of Post 351: Commander, Urial Atwood; S. V. C., Wm. W. Card; J. V. C., F. L. White; Q. M., Sam'l Ackley; Surg., J. G. Marlott; Chap., E. White; O. D., S. Bell; O.

A. L. Chenowith, Bourneville: A short time ago there was presented to Silas D. Prather Post, No. 530, a beautiful silk banner. It was the gift of several relatives of the comrade after whom the Post was named. The presentation speech was made by Capt. W. V. Lawrence, of Chillicothe, which was replied to on behalf of the Post by Chaplain Nathan Eveland. After the presentation a very pleasant evening was spent by the comrades.

R. B. McKeever, Bainbridge: McKell Post, No. 42, is a small but an earnest and hard-working tending these annual Encarapments. They are not only instructive, but they offer the comrades a mander, T. S. Wells; S. V. C., W. H. Tong; J. V. C., R. High; Q. M., E. P. Rockhold; Surg., A. Evans; O. D., Lee Manlove; Adj't, W. H. Nixon; O. G., J. A. Kniseley; Q. M. S., J. P. Swope; S. M., J. Holby; Chap., R. B. McKeever. Hiram Peck, Monroeville: Officers of Post No. 532: Commander, Hiram Peck; S. V. C., Geo. Williams; J. V. C., David H. Heath; Q. M., E. J. Squire; Chap., Garner Stimson; Surg., Henry Kingsley; O. D., A. S. Gilson; O. G., Jacob Hammel; Adj't, Geo. F. Drake; S. M., James Houston; Q. M. S., S. A. Messeldine. J. E. Oliver, Cleveland, writes that the fair recently given by Post No. 533, of that place, was a

grand success, clearing over \$1,000, "Longfellow," Sulphur Springs: Officers of Briddle Post, No. 522; Commander, H. S. Bevington; S. V. C., A. Fry; J. V. C., John Weston; Surg., Dr. M. M. Caruthers; O. D., G. B. Melntyre; Q. M., O. J. Keller; Q. M. S., George E. Gowing; Adj't, S. Koons; O. G., S. Smalley.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The Council of Nine, members of the G.A.R. of Birdsboro, Pa., held a meeting. March 13, to make preliminary arrangements for the April muster of recruits, and to take the initiatory steps to arrange for next Memorial Day. The Council is composed of active members, who spare no pains to render the services in memory of our dead heroes impressive and to endure. They would be glad to receive information to know how Memorial services have been conducted in other places, with a view to add such features to attain more effectively the end they have in view.

Post No. 173, Brownsville, has adopted resolutions indorsing the action of Gov. Pattison in re-

of the Post present on the stage were Senior Vice Commander C. W. Lincoln, Junior Vice Comment Commander Burke, Past Department Commander Brooks, Adjutant-General Cameron, Col. A. S. Worthington, Gen. Gregg, Capt. Slater, Gen. Carnahan, Gen. B. F. Kelly, Gen. Van Vleet, Col. John A. Joyce, Gen. W. H. Browne, Col. McLane, and Representatives Henderson of Iowa: Johnson, of Indiana; Caswell, of Wisconsin; Perkins, of Kansas, and Boutelle, of Maine. The remarks during the evening abounded in reminiscences and humor, Gen. Henderson, Mr. Perkins, Col. Me-Lane, Gen. Van Vleet, Gen. Burdett, Mr. Boutelle, and Col. Joyce responding to calls for remarks. The following address was delivered by Com-

mander Hopkins during the evening: Comrades, Ladies and Gentlemen; On this 19th anniversary of our organization we are very glad to welcome our visiting friends, and we have much cause for rejoicing. During the past year our Post has largely increased its membership, improved its every way gained in good standing. Our death list been short, and our charity work has been Hastings, A. A. Eggleston, Captain, mustered small, because there have been but few among us who have needed aid. We have been honored most West P Grand Army generally during the past year has grown very much as our Post has, and is now strong and influential for good. During the war we helped to make up the mighty military hosts of the Government in its tremendous batting for liberty, union and the success of self-government only peaceful pursuits, objects and influences. But we are distinguished among our fellow-citizens by the high honor-which they everywhere freely recognize-of having been a part of the soldier saviors of the Republic. The Grand Army has now no military purposes. It is a great, useful, peace organization. Its motives are not warlike, but none the less patriotic. It does not aspire to bear arms or to fight battles, but only to uphold by moral influences and example the best qualities of American citizenship, and to practice its principles of fraternity, charity and loyalty. But we should never forget that we of the Grand Army are immediate individual trustees of the sentiments and honor of the great patriot ferces of the Government during the war period-that we are representatives of those whose beneficent achievements are not only the radiant glory of American civilization, but rich blessings to all mankind. Hence we are individually conspicuous exemplars among men, and will every year become more so while we live. In our lives and deportment before the people we daily answer the question: What manner of men were those who formed the bulwark of liberty and vindicated self-government in the greatest crisis of humanity from 1861 to 1865? It should, therefore, be our endeavor to manifest in peace all the graces and virtues of good citizenship as thoroughly as our armies in the field did the heroism of patriot soldiers. Then, indeed, in the end will ours have

been a perfect work. "Utah," Salt Lake City: It may be of some interest to your host of readers to know what the G.A.R. and its friends are doing in the "City of Zion," the Capital of "God's Kingdom on Earth." Surrounded by a hostile community, who hate the | rilla. sight of the badge that designates the loyalist, who boycott every man they know to belong to or favor loyalists, and where they outnumber us eight to one, you can readily understand how hard and difficult it is to build up a good, strong, working Post. But with all this to contend with, we have about 85 members in good standing in our Post, but only three Posts in the Territory. We are making an effort to establish a camp here to accommodate all G.A.R. comrades who may pass through here on their way to the National En-campment, to be held in San Francisco in August. Saints," the only spot on earth where they dare half-mast the flag on the 4th of July. The W.R.C. recently gave an entertainment at the Walker Opera House in the way of a hop for the purpose of raising funds to assist in furnishing a hall for the G.A.R. Post here, They realized about \$200 over expenses. Among those present were many of the army officers from Fort Douglass, members of the Utah Commission, the Governor of the Territory, (who is a member of our Post), all of the general officers and clerks of the Denver & Rio Grande Railway, many of whom are old soldiers. When we have matured our plans for a camp here to accom-

VERMONT .-We have received the roster of the Department of Vermont for 1886. It is a neatly-printed little Department officers, Department staff, etc. It has besides a complete list of the Posts, 92 in number. We have received from Chamberlin Post, No. 1,

service of each member of the Post. It has also a list of the officers of the Relief Committee, and contains besides a roster of the members and officers of Chamberlin Relief Corps. Charles A. French, St. Albans: We have quite a flourishing Post at this place, and THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE is liked extremely well among its members. We expect to make large additions in the near future to our ranks.

VIRGINIA .-General Orders, No. 1, issued at Newport News, March 9, by order of Henry de B. Clay, Department Commander, are as follows: At the 15th annual Encampment of this Department, held at Norfolk, on the 4th day of February, 1886, the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year : Commander, Henry de B. Clay, of John | system, General Orders, No. 1, issued at Littleton, March I, by order of Geo. Farr, Department Commander— Horace J. Kenney, A. A. G.—is as follows: Hav-ton; J. V. C., M. D. Meekins, of Cailloux Post, No. 2, Norfolk; Medical Director, D. G. Sterinstalled in office at the 19th annual Encampment of the G.A.R., held at Dover, Feb. 17, I hereby formally assume the duties and honors of that Council of Administration—R. G. Staples, of Farragut Post, No. 1, Portsmouth; C. F. Wolf, T. F. Meagher Post, No. 3, National Soldiers' Home; Thomas Fox, Phil Kearny Post, No. 16, Richmond; ing year a prosperous one for our Order, fully rely- J. Vanotty, E. O. C. Ord Post, No. 16, National Soling upon the 4,500 comrades in this Department to | diers' Home; Wm. Couch, John K. Clay Post, No. second my efforts, and if possible increase our | 17, Hampton. Representatives to National Enmembership to 5,000 in good standing before the 20th Encampment. As the vote passed at the last Encampment for establishing a bureau for memo-Post No. 2, Norfolk; Alternates, J. W. Woodman (at large), Farragut Post, No. 1, Portsmouth; J. E. officers and Post Commanders are requested to forward to these Headquarters the names and addresses of all persons in their respective localities | for this evidence of their confidence and hereby whom they can recommend as qualified to speak | assume command of this Department. Headquarupon that occasion, and who would be willing to | ters will continue at Newport News, as heretofore, give their services in consideration of having all of | The following appointments on the Department

Administration—F. K. Hobbs, Post 73, Ossipee; Charles H. Reed, Post 3, Manchester; David E. Burbank, Post 56, Hanover; James Donelly, Post de-Camp, Richard Bond, Farragut Post, No. 1, Ports-4. Keene; Isaiah A. Dustin, Post 45, Derry. Delegates to the National Encampment—Ira C. Evans, Post 2, Concord; J. Horace Kent, Post 1, Portsmouth; Liberty W. Foskett, Post 4, Keene; Chas. | Department Commanders, Department and Staff N. Drake, Post 40, Bristol; Everett B. Huse, Post | officers, Post Commanders, Adjutants and Quartermasters will send their address and place of resi-

SONS OF VETERANS. WALTER S. PAYNE, Commander-in-Chief, Fostoria,

Reports from part of the Divisions have been received, showing the following result: Maine, 15 Camps, 465 members; Connecticut, 16 Camps, 508 members; New Jersey, 10 Camps, 248 members; Pennsylvania, 57 Camps, 1,689 members; Massahusetts, 41 Camps, 1,265 members; Ohio, 27 Camps, 615 members; Indiana, 8 Camps, 160 members; Michigan, 21 Camps, 420 members; Iowa, 12 Camps, 320 members; Missouri, 5 Camps, 150 members; Andrew J. Gibbons, Fisher's Landing: Officers of Albert Dennis Post, No. 410: Commander, E. Ladd; S. V. C., J. A. Taylor; J. V. C., Chas. Blanchard; Nov. 1 there have been sent good standing. Since Nebraska, 6 Camps, 110 members; California, 1 O. D., A. J. Spalsbury; O. G., V. Parish; Q. M., J. applications for new Camps, with 2,294 applicants. Surg., S. V. Frame; Chap., E. G. Pierce; Of these Camps 22 are from Iowa, 18 from Obio, 11 S. M., L. Eddy; Q. M. S., — Cuppernall; Adj't, M. from Kansas, 8 from Illinois, 7 each from Minne-sota, Massachusetts and East Pennsylvania, 6 from Michigan, and 5 each from West Pennsylvania and Indiana.

The appointment of Col. B. W. Hawkins, of Beaver City, Neb., as Commander of Nebraska Division, vice H. G. Clark, resigned, is officially an-The Commander-in-Chief has just consummated an arrangement with the "opposition" in Missouri by which the whole Division of that branch of the Order is mustered into our Order. This gives us seven additional Camps and Col. Frederick Neudorff and a number of his officers, who are earnest workers, and will be a valuable addition to our Order. This leaves only one small outside faction in one State (New York) that is not mustered into the National Order of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. Negotiations are in progress with these brothers, and strong hopes are entertained that they will soon be with us and make us one united Order. The time for holding the annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief has been fixed for Aug. 31 and Sept. 1 and 2, and Buffalo, N. Y., the place. as chosen at the last Encampment. Extensive ar-

that there will be a full turn-out. The Commander-in-Chief, in last General Orders. n referring to THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE, SAYS: "It is a valuable paper for every brother to have; it is full of news of interest to the cause, and is render-

members of the Encampment and make it a pleas-

ant and enjoyable occasion. It is earnestly hoped

ing material aid to the Order." New York.-The third annual Division Encampment will be held in New York on May 3 and 4, 1886. Gen. W. S. Payne, Commander-in-Chief, has promised to be present, with a part of his staff, and will install the new officers of the Division. A grand reception is to be given Tuesday evening, May 4, at Wendell's Assembly Rooms. will be furnished by the 7th Regiment Band, Special invitations have been extended to Gens. Sheridan and Sherman, Gen. Burdett, Com-mander-in-Chief, G.A.R., President Cleveland, Ex-Presidents Arthur and Hayes, Gov. Hill and Staff, and all G.A.R. Posts of New York and vicinity. A general invitation is extended to all members of the G.A.R. and S. of V. to be present. It is proposed to make this Encampment of this Division one of the grandest events in the history of the Order. The committee of arrangements in charge, composed of representatives of the following lamps of the city: Sumner No. 7, Hecker No. 8, Hooker No. 9, Columbia No. 15, and Farragut No. The 19th anniversary Campfire of Kit Carson | 25, with Past Col. M. J. Dowing as its chairman, and then the Order extended to Bloomington, Chicago, Decatur, Peoria, Canton, and other cities by order of Cans. D. Long, Department Commander Wednesday of last week. After the drum corps Those wishing to attend may secure all necessary beat reveille, Commander Marcus S. Hopkins wel- information in regard to hotels, etc., by addressing comed the comrades and friends present. Officers | the Secretary, Wm. R. Moir, No. 43 Downing St., | G., Anna Kissinger; 50 members. The President

of the Post present on the stage were Senior Vice Commander C. W. Lincoln, Junior Vice Commander M. S. Hoffman, Quartermaster James W. Division since Feb. 1, as follows: Koster Camp, No. 37, Port Leydon, L. T. Cole, Captain; H. State, and the Misses Earnshaw are the daughters of Post Commander in Chief Farnshaw, who at Wismer, and Adjutant Fred. Smith. Others on the D. Grant Camp, No. 3, Boonville, B. D. Graves, stage were Commander-in-Chief Burdett, Depart- Captain; Lawrence Camp, No. 39, Odessa, Will Rundle, Captain; Gorman Camp, No. 40, Owego; Coggesball Camp, No. 41, Waterville, W. H. Themson, Captain; Sam King Camp, No. 41, Lansey Special dispensation. singburg, C. H. Mason, Captain.

Michigan,—This Division will hold a four days' Encampment at Grand Lodge, date to be fixed by Col. Rowlson. The first three days are to be de-

voted to "camp life," and the fourth to a business session. The Division Council have offered prizes as follows: For best drilled Camp at the Encampment, a finely engraved snare drum, and for the best equipped and uniformed company, an altar bible, suitably lettered. Camp 8, under the leadership of Capt. Wallace, is making extensive arrangements for the Encampment. New Camps in Michigan Division are as follows: A. B. Strong Camp, No. 31, Reading. B. G. Strong, Captain, mustered Feb. 26; W. S. Hancock Camp, No. 32, Covert, Geo. Hale, Captain, mustered Feb. 26; J. B. McPherson hall, added to the attractiveness of its meetings, and | Camp, No. 23, Whitehall, Dudley Staples, Captain, mustered March 9; John Weissert Camp, No. 34,

West Pennsylvania.-Camp No. 46, at Stormshighly by having chosen from our Post the Com-mander-in-Chief and the Adjutant-General. The G. F. Stevenson, Captain; also, Camp No. 48, at Orbosonia, Hunt Co., J. S. Smith, Captain. The latter Camp has been heretofore attached to the oppo-sition. Camp No. 50, at Mt. Oliver, Allegheny Co., has also just been added. L. Johnson is Captain of No. 50. Applications have been approved for Camps at Carmichais and Sharon, and they will be musamong men. Now we are a part of its citizens, with | tered soon. In General Orders, No. 7, issued from Division Headquarters March 10, the work of THE NATIONAL TEIBUNE in devoting a part of its valuable space to the interests of the Order is commended, and it should be well patronized for the good it is Oldo. New Camps since our last issue are: No.

> Darke Co.; 95, Coalton, Jackson Co.; No. 96, Carbon Hill, Hocking Co.; No. 100, Wooster, Wayne Co. Applications are out for Camps 97, 98 and 99. Tally one for the Buckeye Division, being the first to reach 100, and showing the most rapid gains of Indiana.—There are now 16 active Camps in this Division, five being added since Nov. 17. Col. Ed. W. McGuire, of Wabash, is in command of the Dion. He reports the outlook brightening. The aid of the Grand Army has not as yet been heartily enlisted in this State, but a more friendly spirit is growing, and will soon make itself manifest.

> Vermont.-This Division has bad a growth of two Camps since Nov. 17, making the number in active condition 19. The Camps at Burlington and Barre, for some time suspended, are being revived, and will be reorganized in a few days. W. H. Clarke, Co. E, 92d N. Y., Salinos, Cal., thinks it would be a splendid idea if enough

> members of regiments could be got together to go out as organizations and carry with them the old flags under which they fought.

Vitality exhausted by overwork or disease is surely restored by the use of Ayer's Sarsapa-

Preference for Soldiers,

[Hon. Ellis H. Roberts in Utica Herald.] The Assembly did exactly the right thing in adopting the Curtis bill giving the preference to soldiers who pass the examination as candidates for office. If they do not pass and are thus shown to be incompetent for the particular place, they are to stand aside. The rule is one nister. of common sense. If an engineer is wanted to good. If a skillful statistician is demanded, a anything like the same grade of qualifications, | the work of the Department generally. the honorably discharged soldier has claims which should be recognized. The best friends of the civil service laws, and the veterans who controversy which has aroused some feeling. The proposition to exempt soldiers from any

examination was pressed not only to kill this particular bill, but to break down the whole system of civil service examinations. The speech of Mr. Platt, of Poukeepsie, was a frank pamphlet, and contains extracts from Rules and and pungent argument to that end. The Regulations, information for officers and Posts, avoidance of the spirit of the law by Gov. Hill's Administration justifies criticism, and may point sharp paragraphs. "But the people are growing to believe more and more in destroying the power of bosses, and in giving to every person a chance on his own merits. He should be allowed to rise by his own talents and qualifications, and not by service to political aspirants, great or small. That is the aim of the

civil service system. The vote in the Assembly was significant in that the amendment to destroy the bill was sun- | Clark. ported by the Democrats and opposed by the Republicans, with individual exceptions. The civil service laws must be sustained by Republicans, or they must go down, as this fresh illustration proves. The final vote for the bill was unanimous, and indicates that only courage and persistence are needed to maintain the

Mixing Them Up.

[Exchange.] "Prince" Van Buren once occepted an invitation to address a large gathering of Sundayschool children, and in the course of his remarks undertook to entertain them with the story of Jacob and Esau. Midway in the narrative he was aware that his coattails were being vigorously pulled, and half turning his Hebenstreet; A. C., M. Pringle; A. G., L. Blanchhead to find out the trouble, he was met by this ard. The event was celebrated in grand style in exhortation from the friend in the rear: "For is very happy in its auxiliary. goodness sake, John, cut it short and sit down;

you're getting the hair on the wrong man." The tower of Eabel was so high that mules were employed to carry up the bricks. A read wound round and round the tower, following the course of its erection. Before the people became confused on account of the change in the language, the time required to make the upward journey was just one day. Yet in less than twenty-four hours after taking a dose of Gracienberg Catholicon a lady range of that an uppleasant sinking sensation had lady reports that an unpleasant sinking sensation had entirely disappeared, and she had hopes now of becoming entirely cured of the female complaint to which she was | Corps, and many inquiries are coming to Head-

Gleanings from National Headquarters--Notes from the Departments.

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, BOSTON, MASS. SARAH E. FULLER, National President. ELEANOR B. WHEELER, National Secretary.

March 25, 1886. With the bright Spring weather we hope an earnest effort will be made by all our Corps to recruit their ranks. What a grand showing we could make if every member of the W.R.C. would devote one day during the coming quarter to obtain the application of at least one good, loyal woman to join our Order. Can we not do this, and is it not worth the effort? The National President is in receipt of a very she expresses a deep interest in the extension of the W.R.C. in West Virginia. The Post at Wheeling bears the name of her husband, Col. J. W. Holliday. With the co-operation of Mrs.

of Corps to organize a full Department there before July next. A Special Order has been issued, organizing a Provisional Department in New Mexico, and we hope to be able to report a list of its officers

Holliday and Mrs. Kate E. Jones, who, as Na-

tional Aid, has charge of our work in that State,

we shall confidently expect a sufficient number

The Corresponding Secretary of Sedgwick Relief Corps, No. 1, of Salem, Ore., writes that the relations between the Corps and Post are very pleasant. At the installation of the officers of the Post the Corps provided a supper, and a week later the Post, assisted by the Corps, held a grand Camptire, with a supper of baked beans, hardtack and coffee. The officers of the Corps rangements are being made by the brothers of U. S. Grant Camp, No. 33, of Buffalo, to entertain the Bennett; Con., Leuta Stols; G., Mrs. Pettingill; A. C., Minnie Briggs; A. G., Mary Cooper.

Department Gleanings.

DEPARTMENT OF OHIO. Officers of Bentley Relief Corps, No. 113, of Mantua Station, instituted Jan. 2, 1886, by Mrs. Stella S. Sloan, Assistant Instituting and Installing Officer: Pres., Martha M. Carlton; S. V.-P., Sallie M. Haskins; J. V.-P., Sallie E. Seely; Sec., Emma . Spinks; Treas., Melissa A. Striker; Chap., Nettie R. Chapman; Con., Sarah E. Briggs; G., Eunice M. Bishop; A. C., Lucy E. Scoville; A. G., Emily new: 25 members. Officers of Morrison Relief Corps, No. 112, Ash-

ville, instituted Jan. 16, 1886, by Mrs. Clara Kennedy,

cer, Springfield, O.: Pres., Maria S. Bickham; S. V.-P., S. J. Weaver; J. V.-P., Minnette M. Earnshaw; Sec., Katie Mull; Treas., Jennie Waymire; Chap., Mary A. Howell; Con., Leo Miller; G., Ella Lyon; Ass't Con., Margaret H. Earnshaw; Ass't of Past Commander-in-Chief Earnshaw, who at the time of his death was Chaplain of the National

Officers of A. H. Coleman Corps, No. 107, instituted by Mrs. Kate E. Putnam at Troy, O., Jan. 7, 1886: Pres., Clara Byrkett; S.V.-P., Sadie Stillwell J. V.-P., Mary Whiteside; Sec., Laurena McK. Northeutt; Treas., Fannie G. Lemmon; Chap., Alice Miller; Con., Marita A. Edge; G., Candace Leidigh; Ass't Con., Sadie B. Evans; Ass't G., Eva Collins: 25 members.

Officers of Miller Moody Corps, No. 111, instituted by Mrs. Kate E. Armentrout at Beliville, O., Jan. 2, 1886; Pres., Laura Edwards; S. V.-P., Margaret Riddle; J. V.-P., Harriet Donel; Sec., Maria L. Lafferty; Treas., Sarah A. Brollier; Chap., Sarah McClure; Con., Catherine Cell; G., Catherine Shoemaker; 20 members. Officers of Dick Lambert Corps, No. 115, of Iron-

ton, O., instituted Feb. 4, 1886, by Mrs. Lydia E. Kline: Pres., Annie H. Enochs; S. V.-P., Nancy Norton: J. V.-P., Clara C. Davidson: Sec., Nina L. Jones; Treas., Lytta E. Corns; Chap., Mary G. Wintus; Con., Jennie Munshower; G., Hattie McKnight; Ass't Con., Annie Nixon; Ass't G., Emily Morris; 25 members. Officers of J. H. Jenkins Corps, No. 117, of Williamsburg, O., instituted Feb. 4, 1886, by Mrs. Mary C. Wentzel; Pres., Ollie Holmes; S. V.-P., Dudie Hines; J. V.-P., Cora Kain; See., Lillie Daily; Treas., Kate Redrow; Chap., Hannah Peterson; Con., Belle Holden; G., Ollie Blair; Ass't Con.,

Officers of Buell Relief Corps, Marietta, O.: President, Nellie Fleming; S. V.-P., Emma Thies; J. V.-P., M. McMillin; Treas., Miss Hattie Toler; ec., E. P. Dow; Chap., Lizzie Brooker; Con., Nellie Scott; Guard, Mary McKenny; Ass't Con., Jane Beagle; Ass't G., J. Klein.

Irene Walker; Ass't G., Minnie Stehley; 32 mem-

93, Westerville, Franklin Co.; No. 94, Versailles, Officers of Armstrong Corps, No. 114, Hayesville, Instituted March 12, '86, by Fidelia C. Smith, Ass't Instituting and Installing Officer, Wooster: President, Sarah S. Baird; S. V.-P., Clara C. Steele; J. V.-P., Ancirilla Raiston; Sec., Samantha Swartz; Treas, Matilda Spencer, Chap., Nettie Rush; Con., Jennie Miller; Guard, Martha McLellan; Ass't Con., Alice A. Heiser; Ass't G., Sarah Hart, DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY.

Officers Kearny-Janaway Corps, New Brunswick: President, Catharine J. Shults; S. V.-P., Emeline Way; J. V.-P., Susan Miller; Sec., Abbie J. Whittler; Treas., Annie Lawrence; Chap., John Amer; Con., Mary Clayton; Guard, Gussie Harris. The Corps is highly prosperous, with the cordial sup-port of the Post, represented by such wide-awake comrades as Way, Morris, Mattson and Kibbie. Officers Commodore Conover Corps, No. 9, South Amboy: President, E. E. Hutchinson, S. V.-P., L. A. Rue; J. V.-P., E. A. Mount; Sec., H. Stonicker; Treas., E. Straub; Chap., L. Ellett; G., C. Ward; A. C., S. Ryckilene; A. G., M. Irvin. Officers Frank Lloyd Corps, No. 1, Old Bridge: President., Mattie Appleby; S. V.-P., Ella Van Hise; J. V.-P., M. Magee; See., Mary Appleby; Treas:, Elizabeth M. Work; Chap., Sarah Smith; Con., Mary Lott; G., Mary Dobson, Mrs. Worth, who retired as President after two years of faithful service, has been one of the best workers in the State, and through her influence many Corps have

been organized and instructed in the good work. DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA. Officers Strong Vincent Corps, No.8, Erie, reported by Comrade Fred, Boetze, who, on behalf of the Post. compliments the Corps very highly on continued good works: President, Jennie Reavly; S. V.-P., Kate Liley; J. V.-P., Priscilla Bauschard; Chap., Ellen Blethen; Sec., Mary Boltze; Treas, Ella Chapman; Con., Mary Hubbeil; Ass't Con., Frank Lattimer; G., Anna Davis; Ass't G., Josephine Ban-

Mrs. Mary A. Wallace, Department Instituting We will endeavor to arrange for all to stop over drive a locomotive, a carpenter ought not to be and Installing Officer and Past President Bradford one or two days in this beautiful little "City of the taken, although his record as a soldier may be Corps, No. 13, Kendall Creek, was presented with an elegant gold badge by members of her Corps, upon retiring from office. Mrs. Waliace is an enersoldier, however meritorious, will not answer, getic and effective worker, and is now turning her in case he has no knowledge of figures. But on attention from Corps matters to the upbuilding of Officers Winfield Scott Corps, No. 2, Philadelphia;

Pres., Ellen McClintie; S. V.-P., Addie Everett; J. V.-P., Elizabeth Burgin; Treas., Kate Schimp; of the civil service laws, and the veterans who | Sec., Hannah James; Chap., Matilda Lare; Con., have a right to speak for their fellows, agree to | Kate McClintic; G., Beckie Newman. Mrs. Schreithis measure as a satisfactory adjustment of a ner, Past President, was presented with an elegant gold badge installation evening, and Mrs. James, Post I, New Bedford, instituted last Fall, is having Mory, 35th Ill.—Mrs. P. D. Sinex, Peabody, Kan.,

of regard. Belles; J. V.-P., Mary Boart; Sec., Or Cowenee; Treas., Cordelia Tubbs; Chap., Maggie Pratt; Con., Lottie Wildoner; G., Diantia Lunger. Officers Edwin M. Stanton Corps, No. 11, New Brighton: Pres., Mary M. Tea; S. V.-P., Annie Newman; J. V.-P., Harriet Kennedy; Sec., Clara Lourimore; Treas., Martha Fisher; Chap., Melissa Knowling; Con., Sarah Hart; Ass't Con., Mary Blount; G., Lizzie Hart; Ass't G., Lizzie Culmer; Cor. Sec., Mary C. Kennedy.

DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT. Officers Stetson Relief Corps, Waterbury Center, instituted Jan. 19 by Mrs. J. C. Howe, Brattleboro: Pres., Mrs. J. C. Robinson; S. V.-P., H. M. Hews; I. V.-P., O. J. Ayers; Sec., Miss Frances Burt; Treas., A. W. Wrisiey; Chap., J. O. Freeman; Con., W. H. Vorse; A. C., F. W. Hamblin; G., Lotta

Officers E. H. Stoughton Corps, Bellows Falls: Pres., L. W. Chapin; S. V.-P., H. M. Eddy; J. V.-P., D. M. Henry; Sec., A. E. Heald; Treas, E. Hutchins; Chap., M. A. Persons; Con., M. A. Perry; A. C., Miss A. T. Chapin; G., O, Lewis; A. Corps was the presentation to the Post of a beautiful banner, costing \$70; address by Mrs. Chapin, President; response by Comrade L. M. Reed, P. C. Stoughton Post and Corps are among the most prosperous in the State. The former has a mem-bership of 99, the latter of 60, while not yet a year DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA.

Officers Muller Corps, No. 18, instituted Feb. 2 by

Mrs. M. E. Starkweather, Dep't Pres., assisted by

Mrs. S. Becker, Pres. Garfield Corps, No. 5, St

Paul, with 21 charter members: Pres., J. C. Rhodes; S. V.-P., Sam'l Bloomer; J. V.-P., J. N. Darms;

Treas., J. C. Foster; Sec., Miss Linn Sneeden;

the evening, and Muller Post, No. 1, participating, Officers Wesley Green Corps, No. 17, Sleepy Eve, instituted, in spite of snow blockades and the thermometer 30° below zero, by J. Taylor, Departout the State. Posts feel the need of auxiliary

quarters for instructions as to their organization.

Many applications are now pending and all anticipate doing a good work this year

DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI. DEAR TRIBUNE: The second annual Convention of the Department of Missouri, Woman's Relief Corps, met at Mexico, Mo., on the 17th and 18th of February. The session was a very pleasant one, but did not have the full number of delegates, chiefly on account of the severe weather. The officers elected and appointed for the year are as follows: Pres., Sarah J. Morten, Brookfield; S. V.-P., Agnes C. Sterritt, St. Joseph; J. V.-P., Emma L. Lindsay, Kansas City; Sec., Georgia N. Crandall, Brookfield; Treas., Alice A. Burton, Nevada; Chap., Mary B. Lingle, Cameron; Ins., Nisa D. Gwynne, Kansas City: Counselor, Henrietta Stiesmier, St. Louis: Instituting and Installing Officer, Nellie S. Lord, St. Joseph. Council of Administration, Lydia M. Kingsbury, St. Joseph; Marion L. Powell, St. Louis; Alice H. Jones, Kansas City; Mary A. Burnham, Cameron; Mary M. Stark, St. Louis. Delegate at Large, Hattie M. Warner; Alternate, Agnes C. Russell. Delegates, Lucinda Scott, Hannah Stawitz, Helen L. Kesler, Mary M. Stark; Alternates, Lavinia Tipton, Frieda

Dockery. We were highly honored by being installed by Commander-in-Chief Burdett. After the installation Mrs. Henrietta Stiesmeier was presented with pleasant letter from Mrs. J. W. Holliday, Presi- a beautiful gold Past President's badge, given by dent of the Corps at Stuebenville, O., in which | the ladies of the Corps of which she is a member and No. 19, one she organized, both in St. Louis. The members of the Convention have presented W. S. Hancock Post with a beautiful Bible and altar-scarf for their kindness to the W.R.C. in Convention,-Sara J. Morton. Col. Brooks Corps, No. 21, Hannibal, instituted Jan. 2, 1886, by Mrs. Adelia B. Cornish, Dep't S.V.-P., 14 charter members, is the first colored Corps in

> Missouri, Pres., Melinda Woodson; Sec., Lizzie Frazier. In response to a call issued by the Past Department President, Mrs. Henrietta Stiesmeier, to start a Department relief fund, Corporal Dix Corps, No. 14. Kirksville, contributed \$5; Gen. Joe Bailey, No. Nevada, \$5; Frank P. Blair, No. 3, St. Louis, \$11.50; Hassendeuble, No. 19, St. Louis, \$10, and others of which we have not the record. Staunton Corps, No. 2, Carthage, is flourishing. Pres., Sarah R. Wheeler; Sec., Mrs. Raysdale. The Daughters of Veterans, Holden, Mo., is a flourishing organization; first entertainment a val-entine supper on St. Valentine's Eve. For infor-a comrade in good standing that he knew of his mation concerning this work address Miss Hattie own knowledge that the applicant was honorably Mathews, Adjutant, George G. Meade Camp, No. 1,

D. of V., Box H, Holden, Mo. are: Pres., Helen Southwick; S. V.-P., Etama Howard: J. V.-P., Mrs. Simpson; Sec., Mary Pherson Corps, No. 10, passed appropriate resolu-tions on the death of Mrs. Lizzie Anderson, Past National Junior Vice-President, a great favorite among the members. The public installation of McPherson Corps was one of the last meetings Mrs. Anderson attended. Mrs. Augusta Atholy, wife of the popular Post

Commander, is President of Justin Corps, No. 24, proper certificates. Cape Girardeau. The two Corps in Springfield are flourishing and preserve the most amicable relations. Ida M. Wor-rell, President of James Matthews Corps, No. 23,

installed the officers of Corps 22, and Annie E. Hill, officers of No. 23.

The death of Comrade J. B. Abbott, of Joplin, brother of Miss Mary Snowden, President of O. P. Morton Corps, No. 8, is a great loss to G.A.R. circles.

Assistant Instituting and Installing Officer: Pres.,
Laura Messie; S. V.-P., Alice Fowler; J. V.-P.,
Mary A. Holt; Sec., Mary Dolby; Treas, Jennie
Adams; Chap., Angeline Brown; Con., Elizabeth
Ebert; G., Ann E. Oyer; A. C., Helen Foust; A. G.,

Hannah Starwitz; Chap., Anna Spangler; Con.,

Laura Messie; S. V.-P., Alice Fowler; J. V.-P.,

Installing Officer, Henrietta Stiesmeier, Department President, acting as Conductor: Pres., Maria
I. If a man deserted for the war, and enlisted in the volunteer service at the outbreak of the war, and during such enlistment purposely shot off part of his hand, and also shot at his wife, is he eligible?

2. Can a committee on application report the aliceble and have him mustered, all in one BRINGING HOME THE HONORS.

DEAR TRIBUNE: A number of the ladies of O. H. Wood Corps, No. 5, Brookfield, Mo., attended Department Convention at Mexico, and came home carrying the honors. Mrs. S. J. Martin, wife of are in good hands. O. H. Wood Corps has been organized about 17 months, we have about 70 mem-bers and are a working band. Campfires and festi-lit does not follow, however, that every one vals enliven the season, and affairs are more active technically eligible must be admitted. The mere

than ever.-Carrie Questa, Sec. General Orders, No. 1, issued by Mrs. President worthy the attention of loyal women everywhere: The Roster of the Department of Missouri, G.A.R., shows 263 Posts, with a membership of over 10,000 What might not the mothers, wives, sisters and daughters of all these veterans accomplish, in the way of charity for the needy and destitute among 2. The muster in of an applicant those 'who have borne the battle, and for their widows and orphans,' by organized and united effort-best put forth in Corps established wherever there are strong and vigorous Grand Army Posts.

Shall we not labor together during the coming year presented, though I assume it was so intended. for the upbuilding of our Order? Is not the cause worth our earnest effort? United and harmonious endeavor on our part, with the ready and cheerful aid always extended to us by the Grand Army of providing the application had been record and the Republic, must result in brilliant success." Officers of McPherson Corps, of Kansas City, for 1886, installed by Mrs. H. M. Warner: Pres., B. E. Young; S. V.-P., C. Madison; J. V.-P., L. Van Patten; See., Prudy Brown; Treas., E. Grogger; Chap., V. Langston; Con., S. Knox; A. C., A. elected officers are present and ready to perform Bertrand; G., K. Smith; A. G., J. Thomas.

DEPARTMENT OF IOWA. Officers of John T. Drake Corps, Brooklyn, reelected, and installed by Comrade Neff, P. C.: Pres., Myra E. Hankey; S. V.-P., Susan J. Cummings; J. V.-P., Mary E. Wood; Treas., Fannie Doranee; Chap., Elizabeth J. Eaton; Con., Grace E. Neff; G., Eloisa Byers; Sec., Mollie R. Parker; A. C., Jane Snyder; A. G., — Fink ... Installation evening, Capt. George Phillips presented the Post with a gavel made of wood from the Gettysburg battlefield, and which has a bullet embedded in it. Mrs. Myra E. Hankey, President, desires the address of Brig.-Gen. W. H. Worthington, first Colonel 5th

Iowa. Officers of Corps, No. 11, Cedar Rapids; Mrs. Lou McConahy, the popular President, re-elected; S. V.-P., Louise Miller; J. V.-P., Elizabeth Horner; Chap., M. J. Conn; Trens., Miss Ida Manning; Sec., A. E. Croghan; Con., Ella Shaw; A. C., F. A. Puckett; G., Ida Tranz; A. G., Kate Jordan. The

members of this Corps edit a paper for their own interest and amusement. The Corps Secretary will edit it this year. Mrs. Hattie E. Marshall, Department President, has visited extensively among the Corps of Iowa the past Winter, and with encouraging results. In her work she has been greatly assisted by the Department Inspector, Mrs. Harriet Sutton. Miss Maggie Monroe, the very efficient Department Secretary, was obliged, by a pressure of other duties, to give up the editorial charge of the Relief Corps Department of the Grand Army Advocate, and has been succeeded by Mrs. Clara E. Nichols, of Des

Officers J. G. White Corps, auxiliary to Post 108. Washington, Iowa, instituted Dec. 15, 1885; public installation by Commander A. Bunker, 32 charter members, and growing rapidly: Pres., Belle Bunker; S. V.-P., Laverie Stuart; J. V.-P., Mattie Wilde; Sec., Sue M. Baughman; Treas., Mattie Foster; Chap., Sadie Dewey; Con., Anna Eichelberger; G., Mantie Bailey; A. C., Maggie Rupp;

A. G., Elizabeth Cowles. DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS. The following Aids are announced in General Orders, No. 1, issued by Department President, Mrs. L. Agnes Parker, Headquarters Pemberton ket street, St. Louis, Mo., would like to hear from Square, Boston: L. A. Rice, Corps No. 11, Worcester; A. H. Seranton, 27, Cambridgeport; S. G. M. Hill, 12, Danvers; Laura Baldwin, 16, Meltose; E. F. Talbet, 17, Holiston; Emily Clark, 18, North-ampton; Nellie H. Cushing, 24, Merrimae; Mary Nile, N. Y., would like to hear from any of the I, Fitchburg; Isabella G. Townsend, 55, Lawrence. Every Corps has been recommended to secure and study up the points of Beath's Blue Book. Corps 43, Arlington, is assisting Post 36 in secur-ing funds to erect a G.A.R. building in the near future. The ladies have been busy arranging for a lor, Box 466, Emporia, Kan., wants the address of

the Boston Y. M. C. A. Gymnasium.

Wm. Logan Rodman Corps, No. 53, auxiliary to III., would like to hear of the whereabouts of Fred a phenomenal growth, and doing a grand work. would like to know if her husband, Jacob Sinex, Officers of Stewart Robinson Corps, Huntingdon Mills: Pres., Mary Monroe; S. V.-P., Sophia A. Relles: J. V.-P., Mary Boart: Sec., Or Cowenee: The Corps assisted the Post in a fair which netted \$738.15. Officers: Pres., M. M. Washburne; S. V.-P., Johnson, Co. G. 79th Ind., Greenfield, Ind., wants the address of Dr. Jentson, who was in charge of M. Bliss; Treas., Ruth A. Wordell; Chap., M. A. Ward No. 1, Hospital No. 1, Evansville, Ind. Luce; Con., Jennie L. Topham; Asst. Con., Susie C. Carter; G., Nannie P. Farnham. Officers Corps 50, Chicopee: Pres., Mary Tracy;

S.V.-P., Mary Hunter; J.V.-P., Effie Noble; Treas., M. E. Buttrick; Con., Alice Dayton; Chap., Warner; Sec., Hattie Buttrick; G., Mary Belcher; A. C., Agnes Noble; A. G. Alice Noble. Officers Jas, Wilson Corps, No. 49, Lowell: Pres. L. R. Robinson; S. V.-P., S. N. Cooley; J. V.-P., Melissa Avery; Chap., S. P. Hunter; Treas., W. H. Eddy; Sec., C. Maynard; Con., E. Morse; G., H. Avery; Delegate, Leonora Perry; Alternate, Em-

ma B. Hine. Officers Chas, Russell Lowell Corps, No. 28, Barton, installed publicly by Mrs. L. A. Turner, National Treasurer: Pres., Libbie E. Davis; S. V.-P., E. A. Gomell; J. V.-P., L. A. Morrison; Sec., M. Waterman; Treas., E. L. Waldron; Chap., C. F. Miller; Con., L. Lindsay; G., M. G. Devettier; A. G., L. A. Waller; A. C., A. C. Fox. The Corps has given a large amount for relief the past year. G., J. A. Bush. Among many good works of the Corps was the presentation to the Post of a bound.

At a meeting of Dahlgren Corps, No. 20, South Boston, Mrs. Elanor B. Wheeler, National Secretary, in the chair, a communication was read from M. S. Cahill chairman committe on recent banquet tendered Alderman Bromwich, donating the surplus fund of \$10.50 to Dahlgren Corps relief fund, The gift was accepted with thanks for the confidence expressed in the W.R.C. The same evening Department Commander Richard F. Tobin honored the Corps with the prescutation of an elegant rosewood and ebony gavel. A second one was also received from Patroleman King, of Post 2. The Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. H. M. Gurgens, adds: Hereafter if order does not prevail will it be for the want of a gavel? A vote of thanks was extended to both of these gentlemen for their acts of cour-

Bulletin Number Two

is now in print and contains all the latest information regarding the journey to and from the Grand Army Encampment, to be held at San Francisco in August next. Bulletin Number Two specifies in detail the various routes. cost of excursion tickets, sleeping accommodations and meals, hotel charges, rates for side | wards, Newton, Kan., wants the addresses of E. A. trips, etc. Now is the time to calculate all the expenses of the trip. Bulletin Number Two will be sent free upon application, by letter or postal card, to A. V. H. Carpenter, General Passenger Agent, Milwaukee, Wis.

OFINIONS ON GRAND ARMY RULES.

BY PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF R. B. BEATH. [Nortce.-Inquiries on Grand Army matters of general interest and proper for publication will be swered in this column by Past Commander-In-Chief Beath. It will be of course understood that such answers are simply personal, or in the way of advice which one commide may properly give an-other. Questions requiring official answers must be submitted to the proper authorities.]

CONSOLIDATION OF POSTS. When two Posts are consolidated, do the Post Commanders of the Post losing its number retain membership in the Department Encampment? They do in such Departments as admit Past Post Commanders to membership. They are practically transferred to the older Post as Past Post Com-

PERSONAL. - In the pressure of business during the past two months some inquiries may have been overlooked. If such is the case, I request the com-Von Kissenwetler, Georgia Sherlock, Julia A. rades to send a copy of their queries to THE NA-TIONAL TRIBUNE.

APPLICATION AND LOST DISCHARGE. A comrade in Altoona, Dak., presents the follow-

A person makes application for membership in the G.A.R., stating that he has lost his discharge and has no certificate from the Adjutant-General's Office of the State from which he enlisted. Is he

Would the fact of his having a pension certificate be sufficient evidence to warrant admitting him? The Rules and Regulations do not require the applicant to submit his discharge papers, but the Committee is directed to "make careful investigation of the facts set forth in the application; they shall see the applicant in person, and shall recommend his election or rejection." The responsibility of deciding on the eligibility of an applicant is thus placed directly upon the Investigating Committee, while the manner of procedure of arriving at a conclusion is left to their own judgment.

In the absence of the discharge, the statement of mustered out, because they had served together and were discharged at the same time, would be vinced if shown the applicant is a pensioner, and presume from that his service and honorable dis-

This matter, however, is so important that no Committee should feel warranted in accepting any statement from the applicant not corroborated by

It may be assumed that any one who has waited all these years before joining the Grand Army will not be injured by waiting a few weeks longer, until application can be made to the Adjutant-General of President of McCrosky Corps, No. 22, installed the the State or of the War Department for the proper certificate. While under the Rules the Committee is permitted to judge of the facts for its report, the safe rule is to demand the documents in all cases.

meeting night?

1. The man's desertion before the war, or shooting his wife during or since the war, do not affect his eligibility to membership in the G.A.R. Comrade G. W. Martin, was elected Department | His self mutilation might certainly have affected President by a large majority, while Mrs. Georgia his eligibility by preventing his honorable dis-M. Crandall was appointed Department Secretary.

Both are earnest workers, and Department affairs were not proven, and that he received an honorable

statement in the Post room that such things Martin, contains the following paragraph, which is | could be said against an applicant would render his election impossible. It is not conceivable that any Post would elect such a one to membership, and it is easier to assume that the comrade may have been

> 2. The muster-in of an applicant on the night his application is presented is void, unless a dispensation had been duly granted by the Depart-The committee could present their report and

> referred at a previous meeting. DETAIL BY P. C. "Jersey" asks: Has a P. C. the right to detail comrades to serve in positions when the regularly-

> the applicant be mustered on the same evening,

their duties? On general principles the P. C. has no such authority. He may detail all officers and committees not otherwise provided for, and could temporarily

provide for any vacancies. "Have you wintered well?" If not, Hood's

Sarsaparilla will put you in good condition.

THE QUESTION SQUAD. Comrades' Queries and Replies-Odds and Ends of Information. Geo. W. Cook, Jamesport, Mo., wants the address f any member of Co. G. Ist N. M .- R. H. Waite, Marshalltown, lowa, wants the address of Col. J. P. Melvor, who was during the campaign from the Wilderness to the surrender of Lee in command of

Second Brigade, Second Division, Second Corps, Army of the Potomac.—Robert J. Westervelt, Co. H, 80th N. V., Freehold, N. Y., would like to hear from any member of his company or regiment.-E. M. Fox. Numa, lowa, wants the address of Capt. W. H. Evans, Co. F, 18th Iowa .- G. T. Murphy, Co. B. Sth N. Y. Cav., Bethel. Mo., would like the addresses of George Reed, who was nurse at Novi-tiate Hospital, Frederick City, Md., in the Fall of 1862; or James Reed, brother of the above, who was discharged from there in December, 1862.-Alexander Burnham, Co. K, 1st Minn. H. A., Crookston, Polk Co., Minu., would like the addresses of Lieut, Johnson, Lieut, Wilson, Lieut, Huggins, and Robert D. Bardman, all of his company,--- J. S. Tindall, Co. A, 33d Iowa, Graves, Kan., wants the address of Abel Inman, of the same regiment,-David A. Reed, Co. E. 123d Ohio, Waterville, Kan., would like the address of any soldier who was captured at Martinsburg, W. Va., July 26, 1864, and taken to Danville Prison. - O. Nelson, Co. I, 2d Minn. Cav., Barron, Wis., would like to hear from Lieut, Phillips, of the same company and regi-ment.—David T. Osgood, Co. K, 5th N. H., Glousome member of Co. D. 74th N. Y .-- C. Sullivan, 170 Bleeker street, N. Y., would like to communicate with some member of Co, F, 9th R. L, who ment during the years of 1864 and 1865.—E. B. Reese, New Cumberland, O., wants the address of any member of Co. H, 11th Ky. Cav.—James A. Halstead, Blairstown, Iowa, would like to hear from some member of Co. C, 3d Md. - David Tayfair to be held next Fall. An entertainment at the Capt. W. W. Graves or Lieut James McCarty, of Town Hall was enlivened by the drill and antics of | Co. G. 12th Mich., or any comrade of that regiment. -Adolph Fals, Sergeant, Co. B, 15th Mo., Farina, Ransom Cipher, Van Aistyne, Tex., would like the addresses of Capt. D. D. Maskwood and Wm. Denton, Co. H, Sth Tenn. Cav. -M. Cox, Isle St. George, Ottawa Co., O., wants the address of Geo. McDanals, member of 4th independent company, Ohio Cav. - Joseph Campbell, care John Campbell, Glenwood, Minn., would like the address of Maj. Bates, 80th Hi.— J. W. Abbott, Co. G. 3d Tenn., Godfrey, Kan., wants the address of any comrade who was in prison at Richmond, Va., Hospital No. 21, Ward A, during the Summer of 1861; also, the address of Henry Putman, who was in the same ward with him .- Wm. S. Low, Livermore, Cal., would like the address of any member of Co. I, 61st Mass .- Ant. Murphy, Greencastle, Ind., wants the names and addresses of all who served in the 18th U. S. Inf., in order to complete a roster of that regiment.-- Joseph H. Hayes, 323 East Miami street, Indianapolis, Ind., wants the address of Comrade A. P. Gilbert, Acting Assistant Adjutant-General to Jas. B. McPherson on July 22, 1864, -R. G. Thompson, Kingsville, Johnson Cc., Mo., wishes the address of any of the Surgeons in charge of hospital near Victoria, Tex., for Third Brigade, Second Division, Fourth Coaps, from September to December, 1865,
—Jasper D. Ooley, Co. D. 14th El., Arthur, Ill., wants the addresses of Dr. Griffith, 114th 11t.; Samuel Cuiberson, Co. D. 14th Hl.; John Bingham, Co. D. 14th Ill. and Pat Canon. Co. D. 14th Ill.-Wm. H. Mellor, Otter River, Yeass, wants the address of Dr. Shepard, of W General Hospita , Chesinut Hill, Philadelphia, Pa., or Dr. Moon, Head Surgeon, -A. P. Youtt, Co. K, 1st Vt. Cav., Cornwall, Vt., wants the address of Surgeons Sims and Foy, who were in Patterson Park Hospital in the year 1851 .- L. D. Fautz, Bedford, Iowa, would like the addresses of L'eut, Phillip N. Heath, Serg't Wm. Cordemon, Private James Cordemon, and Private James Sample, all of Co. E, 5th Ky. Cav. —S. T. Stafford, Petersburg, Ind., wants the address of Elisha Buck, Co. G, 51st Ind. —John W. Hall, 211 Hepburn street, Williamsport, Pa., would like the address of Daniel Doney, 79th Ind.—Hattie M. Avery, East Lemon, Wyom-ing Co., Pa., would like the address of one or more members of Co. L. 5th N. Y. Cav .- J. W. Ed-Bancroft, First Lieut, Myrtie and Jesse C. Clark, all of Co. G, 4th U. S. Art.

Don't hawk, and blow, and spit, but use Dr.

Sage's Catarrh Remedy.